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TITLE: Electronic program guide - has one facility to show in screen all programs currently broadcast on all channels with graphical representation of how long since each program started and how much longer to go

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BASIC-ABSTRACT:

The electronic program guide (EPG) directs TV viewers in an efficient manner to the TV programs broadcasting on different channels. One of the EPG facilities enables the viewer to have an on-screen overview of all programs currently being broadcast. Displayed with each program is a graphic representation of the period of time which has elapsed since the relevant program started.

This period pref. relates to the length of the program. The viewer can thus see at a glance how far a program has already progressed. The receiver determines the time lapse of each program (current time minus start time of the program), computes the corresp. portion of the program's length, and displays the result in the form of a bar.

ADVANTAGE - EPG provides facilities such as automatic programming of a video recorder or reminding a viewer that a desired program is about to be broadcast.

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.1

TITLE-TERMS: ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE ONE FACILITY SHOW SCREEN PROGRAM CURRENT BROADCAST CHANNEL GRAPHICAL REPRESENT LONG PROGRAM START LONG

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Time 17 40

NOW ON TV

BBC1	Mr Bean	17 30	18 00
BBC2	The Draftsman's contract	17 30	18 30
MTV	European Music Award	17 00	18 30
EURO	European Football	16 00	18 00